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1. WE PLAN TO MEET WITH FONOFF MBFR DIRECTOR RUECKRIEGEL
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LATE THIS AFTERNOON TO TRY TO ELICIT A MORE DETAILED
DESCRIPTION OF THE FRG DATA DISAGGREGATION POSITION WHICH
GENSCHER WILL BE DISCUSSING WITH THE SECRETARY IN PARIS
ON JUNE 24. HOWEVER, IT IS CONCEIVABLE THAT GENSCHER
WILL ONLY DECIDE UPON THE FINAL POSITION DURING
THE TRIP TO PARIS OR JUST BEFORE MEETING WITH THE SECRE-
TARY.

2. THERE HAVE BEEN A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF INDICATORS TO SUGGEST THAT FRG WORKING-LEVEL OFFICIALS FAVOR BREAKING DOWN THE "OTHER PERSONNEL" CATEGORY BY NATIONALITY, BUT THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTER REMAINS TO BE CONVINCED THAT ACCEPTING SUCH A POSITION ON NATIONAL TOTALS WOULD BE IN THE FRG'S INTEREST. VAN WELL'S REMARKS TO THE AMBASSADOR (REF B) INDICATE CONTINUED RELUCTANCE BY THE FRG TO GRASP THE NETTLE OF NATIONAL TOTALS.

3. IT IS CLEAR FROM OUR RECENT CONVERSATIONS HERE THAT THE FRG REVIEW OF ITS POSITION IS BASED ON THE HOPE THAT SOME COMPROMISE SHORT OF TOTAL NATIONAL IDENTIFICATION WILL SATISFY US. IN FACT, THE GERMANS MAY EVEN EXPECT FROM US SOME COUNTERCONCESSION WITH REGARD TO THE DISCLAIMER OR TO A REAFFIRMATION OF THE ALLIANCE POSITION AGAINST NATIONAL REDUCTION COMMITMENTS.

4. IT IS ALSO CLEAR THAT GENSCHER IS VERY MUCH PERSONALLY IN CONTROL OF THE GERMAN POSITION AT THIS POINT. WE REGARD THIS AS THE PRINCIPAL REASON WHY HIS PEOPLE ARE GIVING US UNCLEAR AND SOMETIMES CONTRADICTIONARY INFORMATION ON THE DIRECTION IN WHICH THE FRG POSITION MAY EVOLVE.

5. THE GERMANS PERCEIVE THAT SOVIET DESIGNS FOR CONTROL
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OF THE BUNDESWEHR HAVE BEEN EVIDENT THROUGHOUT THE COURSE OF THE NEGOTIATIONS. A REPORT FROM A GERMAN PROFESSOR WHO SERVED AS A SOVIET-FRG INTERMEDIARY DURING A RECENT EXCHANGE ON MBFR (REPORTED SEPTTEL) HAS PROBABLY REINFORCED BOTH THIS IMPRESSION AND THEIR SENSE THAT THE DATA DISCUSSION AS PRESENTLY STRUCTURED IS NOT CENTRAL TO THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS.

6. THEREFORE, IF THE POSITIONS CURRENTLY BEING CONSIDERED AND REPORTED TO US ARE AS UNSATISFACTORY AS REF A INDICATES, WE BELIEVE WE HAVE LITTLE OPTION BUT FOR THE SECRETARY TO USE TOMORROW'S MEETING TO MAKE IT UNMISTAKABLY EVIDENT TO GENSCHER THAT THE "COMPROMISE" COURSE THAT HE AND HIS STAFF HAVE BEEN FOLLOWING WILL NOT WORK AND THAT THE FRG MUST BE PREPARED TO TABLE NATIONAL FIGURES. WE SEE NO OTHER MEANS NOW AVAILABLE OF BRINGING THIS POINT FORCEFULLY HOME TO THE FRG.
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